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December 8, 1999

Via Federal Express

General Counsel's Office Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4946

Dear Sir/Madam:

Your letter of November 16, 1999 has been forwarded to my attention. Please note that all future correspondence in relation to the above captioned matter should be forwarded to my attention at the above address.

Please accept this correspondence in response to the letter of November 16, 1999 in regards to the above captioned matter. It is the position of the Fox News Network ("Fox") that we have in no way violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), referenced in Robert Brannum's complaint ("Complaint") dated September 27, 1999. Moreover, Fox hereby categorically denies each and every accusation as set forth in the Complaint as they relate to Fox.

Fox goes to great efforts to present the news in a fair and balanced manner and prides itself on presenting both sides of a story. Fox's slogan "We Report. You Decide", is a philosophy practiced in all of our news coverage, including our coverage of the year 2000 elections. Indeed our ongoing coverage of the elections is entitled, "You Decide 2000".

In addition, Fox's programming provides a forum for debate and discussion among our viewers. They are given a chance to be heard through on-air phone calls via our toll-free phone number, our Viewer Services Department and by mail

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(both regular and e-mail) which is often read and discussed on air.

It is the position of Fox that no action should be taken against it in this matter.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the above address or phone number.

Sincerely,

Chris Silvestri

## STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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